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1. Between 16 and 20 September 1955, no air activity was observed at Grossenhain airfield nor were any aircraft parked on the landing field. On 21 September, a Po-2 landed at 1000, and again took off at 1030 heading toward Brandis. On 22 September, no air activity was observed at the field.¹
2. At 1000 on 20 September, 6 boxcars and 14 gondola cars loaded with construction material were shunted to the ramp in the north-western section of the landing field. An empty train consisting of 12 gondola cars moved back to Cottbusser railroad station 1100. At 0930 on 21 September, a train of 12 gondola cars loaded with construction material moved to the unloading site. An empty train of 15 gondola cars returned to the railroad station at 1100. It appeared that construction work on the runway was to be completed by late October 1955. No precise information on the extent of work on the runway was available. It was once learned that the runway was to be widened by 10 meters.²

1. Comment. Grossenhain airfield has been vacated by the two fighter regiments since May 1955. Intermediate landings by liaison aircraft were made on the grass-covered landing field. It is believed that the fighter regiments will return to the airfield after completion of construction work on the runway.

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2. Comment. Progress is being made on the runway, where construction work of an unidentified extent is under way. This work was scheduled to be completed by late October 1955.

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